



## DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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### **DRAFT – REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016 ALA WAI CLUB HOUSE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair George West called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 members present.** (Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.)

**Members Present:** Julia Allen, Barbra Armentrout, Michelle Matson (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Barbara Miller, Bertha Nahoopii (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Bert Narita, Keolu Peralto, Don Persons, Laura St. Denis, Jerry Wanager, George West, Bryn Villers, and Linda Wong.

**Members Absent:** George Waialeale and Ali Pohl.

**Guests:** Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), Carol Hoshiko (Kapioloani Community College), Ann Wong and Keoni Mattos (Board of Water Supply), Captain Brett Mau (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Phillip Buchanan and Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane (Honolulu Police Department), Walea Constantinau (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative), Shawn Tsuha (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), State Senator Sam Slom, State Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Michelle Herr (State Representative Scott Nishimoto's office), Evelyn Hee (House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say's office), Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's office), Patricia Johnson (Hawaii Bicycle League), Franklin Chung, Kurt Tsuneyosh, Daisy Murai, Carolyn Tanaka, Ever Williams, Mia Noguchi, Devon Nekoba, Jan Bappe, Richard Figliuzzi, Mele Kealoha-Lindsey, Kenny Amazaki, and James Skizewski (Neighborhood Commission Office).

**Rules for Speaking:** For all wishing to speak on items not already on the agenda, please fill out a Community Concern form at the front desk and turn into the Chair or Neighborhood Assistant.

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD - Waikiki Station):** Captain (Cpt.) Brett Mau reported the following

- **July 2016 Fire Statistics:** There was 5 structural fires, 2 wildland/brush fires, 3 nuisance/rubbish fires, 2 cooking fires, and 39 activated alarms (no fire). There were 294 medical responses, 5 motor vehicle collision with pedestrians, 14 motor vehicle crash/collisions, 1 mountain rescue, 1 ocean rescue, and 2 hazardous materials incidents.
- **Smoke Alarm Safety Tip:** Smoke alarms should be installed and maintained in every home. Test smoke alarms once a month using the test button. Smoke alarms contain nine (9) volt batteries that must be changed annually. The entire smoke alarm should be replaced every ten years. HFD will be conducting a Smoke Alarm for Everyone (SAFE) initiative from Tuesday, September 13, 2016, until Friday, September 16, 2016. This program will provide free smoke alarms, if interested in a free smoke alarm call 723-7167.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Garages:** Armentrout asked and Cpt. Mau responded that smoke alarms should not be placed in garages as car exhaust could set off the alarm intentionally.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD - District Six (6), Waikiki/Diamond Head):** Lieutenant (Lt.) Phillip Buchanan reported the following:

- **July 2016 Statistics:** There were 10 robberies, 9 burglaries, 206 thefts of all kind, 24 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 19 speeding citations, 645 parking citations, 180 citations for violation park closure hours, and 14 arrests for the month of July in District 6. There were 4,220 total calls of service in the month of July 2016.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: **Report:** Wong asked and Lt. Buchanan provided a copy of the read report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD- District Seven (7), Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights): Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane circulated a report and announced the following:

- July Statistics: There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 8 burglaries, 47 thefts, 12 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 6,314 calls for service in District 7.
- Hurricane Safety: Hurricanes combine the triple threat of violent winds, torrential rains, abnormally high waves, and storm surge. Be aware of the issuance of a hurricane watch and hurricane warnings. During a hurricane water preliminary precautions should be taken. During a hurricane warning actions for protections of life and property should be taken immediately. Evacuations are generally ordered during a hurricane warning. Disaster kits should contain enough supplies to last for five (5) to seven (7) days.

**Nahoopii arrived at 6:40 p.m., 12 members present.**

Board of Water Supply (BWS): Ann Wong and Keoni Mattos reported the following:

- Main Break Report: Wong reported there were no main breaks for the month of July 2016.
- BWS Water Master Plan: On Wednesday, July 13, 2016, the BWS released a draft of the Water Master Plan. The Water Master Plan is a comprehensive evaluation of our water supplies, needs, and infrastructure over a 30-year period. Public input is being accepted now through September 12, 2016. A copy of the document can be found at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Impersonation of BWS Employees: BWS alerted the public of individuals claiming to be BWS employees in order to gain access to private property in order to commit burglary. All personnel involved in official BWS activities will be properly credentialed by wearing official BWS attire with the BWS logo, driving a BWS labeled vehicle, and carrying an official City and County of Honolulu badge, with the agency identified as the BWS. If someone claiming to be a BWS employee is unable to provide reasonable credentials, residents are encouraged to call the HPD at 9-1-1 for assistance.
- Telephone Scam Warning: BWS warns the community of a telephone scam where BWS customers are being targeted in an attempt to fraudulently collect money. BWS has received several reports of customers being contacted by a person claiming to be a BWS employee. These customers were told that the customer owed a large sum of money to BWS and were told that a bill amount must be paid immediately to avoid water service shut off. Anyone who receives an unexpected or unusual phone call from BWS are encouraged to call BWS for verification. Do not give any information to the caller.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. BWS Master Plan: Chair West asked and Mattos responded that no public information meetings are scheduled and BWS has been reaching out to community groups personally. Chair West asked and Mattos responded that he will set up a presentation of the BWS master plan before the board. Mattos will request an extension of the comment period to allow for the board's input.
2. Follow up: Mattos noted that materials used to construct the main lines are either Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or Ductile Iron. Plastic is not used in pressure areas.
3. Tree Trimming: Mattos noted that he will get in touch with Armentrout to address overgrown trees.

**Matson arrived at 6:45 p.m., 13 members present.**

4. Piping: Villers asked and Mattos responded that 45% of the pipes used in the past were cast iron as was the standard at that time and added cast iron is no longer used. Villers asked and Mattos responded that in the BWS master plan there are plans that outline measures the BWS will take to mitigate issues regarding runoff. Mattos added that BWS is involved with comprehensive studies regarding climate change and its effects on rainfall.
5. Development: Matson asked and Mattos responded that he has no information regarding the availability of the domestic water supplies and the effects of the issuance of conditional permits. Mattos noted he will try to get the information requested by the next regular meeting.
6. Rainfall: Wong asked and Mattos responded that rainfall has decreased 23% over the last 30 years.
7. Lead: A resident asked and Mattos responded that comprehensive analysis have been done of the water system which have concluded there is no lead in the water system. Mattos added that analysis is done at the water source, lead testing kits are available and water quality tests can be requested.
8. Jet Fuel: Matson asked and Mattos responded that he does not know the exact number of gallons of jet fuel that was introduced into the water and will return with information regarding the infiltration of jet fuel at the next regular meeting. Matson requested information regarding the current measurement of jet fuel in the water system and commended the BWS position regarding the infiltration.

PUBLIC EVENTS AND NOTICES: Chair West reported the following:

- Saturday, August 13, 2016, Annual Heart Walk.
- Sunday, August 14, 2016, BOCA Hawaii Norman Tamanaha.
- Honolulu Century Ride: Patricia Johnson announced there will be a Honolulu Century Ride on Sunday, September 25, 2016. The ride will begin at 6:30 a.m. and opening ceremonies will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the ride. The ride will begin at Kapiolani Park and heads toward Diamond Head. The annual fun ride will begin at 9:00 a.m. and start at the same point heading to Kahala or Hawaii Kai. Kalanianaʻole Highway will have a lane closed off from 6:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Lane Closures: Villers asked and Johnson responded that Kalakaua Avenue will be closed for the ride. Wong asked and Johnson responded that Monsarrat and Paki Avenue will not be closed and motorists will share the road with the riders.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

- Overgrowth: Allen noted she has spoken with Councilmember Kobayashi's office regarding resident Ige's concern of the overgrowth along Palolo Stream. The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) noted that spot cleaning is being periodically done but is two (2) months behind schedule. Allen noted she will get in contact with resident Ige to inform her on the matter.
- Anela Gardens Update: Devon Nekoba announced that Anela Gardens had its final liquor license hearing on Thursday, July 28, 2016. The conditions put forth by Anela Gardens to help address community concerns were placed in the license such as number of parties allowed, number of attendees allowed, parking offsite restrictions, a cap on alcoholic drinks to be served per person, and the liquor commission added a three (3) and six (6) month review to ensure all conditions are being met.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Liquor License: Wong asked and Nekoba responded the liquor license cannot be transferred to the next business as well as this property cannot be turned into a bar or restaurant. Wong asked and Nekoba responded that a copy of the license will be given to the board.
2. Concern: Resident Murai asked and Nekoba responded that there will only be catering to the wedding parties on property and no restaurant will be built. Murai raised concerns about the lack of parking and why the offsite parking was designated at Waikiki Schools. Murai raised concerns about the lack of a restaurant license for the property while food will be catered for events. Murai raised concerns about alcohol being sold near a school as describe in Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS 281-39.5). Murai stated her thanks to Representative Kobayashi and Senator Ihara for their help regarding this issue.
- Noise Complaint: Matson stated a neighborhood complaint in district 3 regarding the excess noise levels and the exceeding of curfew hours on Tuesday, July 30, 2016, at the Waikiki Shell during the Matisyahu Concert. Matson noted the complaint has been submitted to HPD, Department of Enterprise Service (DES), and will be addressed to the Mayor's Representative. Matson added that the Waikiki Shell breached the 68 decibel level restriction as well as the concert was not vacated by the 10:00 p.m. requirement.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi: A report was provided, no representative present.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Kenny Amazaki of Councilmember Ozawa's office reported the following:

- Yellow Fencing: Yellow fencing has been placed around the Kapahulu Avenue pavilion as the area is under construction.
- Concession: The concession at the Ala Moana Golf Course is being changed as the past concession's contract was terminated.
- Water Source: Councilmember Ozawa's office is working with the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to facilitate the return of water to showers for the canoe clubs near the Hawaii State Public Library on Kapahulu Avenue.
- Bill 36: Bill 36 pertaining to the certifying of Uber and Lyft drivers has passed and is before Mayor Caldwell.
- Bill 35: If there are any request for information regarding the tax credit included in Bill 35 please contact Councilmember Ozawa's office.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Dredging: Matson asked and Chiar West responded that 13 million dollars has been appropriated for the dredging of the Ala Wai Canal. Matson asked and Chair West responded that there was a public information meeting regarding the dredging scheduling on Thursday, July 21, 2016. Chair West noted he will report on the session later in the meeting.
2. Homelessness: Armentrout reported the presence of homeless at the Hawaii State Public Library on Kapahulu Avenue. Peralto also reported the presence of homeless in the Date Street Area.
3. Bill 36: Peralto noted that Bill 36 has been significantly watered down which could provide equity for all parties.
4. Turning Lanes: Narita asked and Amazaki responded that the traffic study regarding the coned areas on Kapioloani Boulevard was constituent driven. Narita raised concerns regarding the lack of travel options coming west from east Honolulu.
5. Concession: Resident Chung raised concerns regarding the new concession being introduced at Ala Wai Golf Course and urged the City and County of Honolulu to make sure the concession is well kept. Matson noted HRS 46-65.7 that outlines any changes to the use of the Ala Wai Golf Course land must go before the legislature.
6. Bill 34: Resident Kealoha raised concerns regarding Bill 34 and voiced her opposition of including Waialae, Jefferson, or Waikiki Elementary Schools in any such pilot project. Azamaki noted he will confirm none of the mentioned school are listed as possible pilot project sites or redevelopment. Matson noted that Jefferson Elementary School is a 21st century school and any changes must go before the Kapiolani Park Trust.

Governor David Ige's Representative: No representative present, monthly newsletter was circulated.

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Sam Slom distributed a newsletter and reported the following:

- Department of Human Services (DHS): Rachel Wong who heads the DHS has submitted her resignation and Governor Ige has stated her deputy director will take over duties subject to the consent of the legislature.
- Special Session: In regards to Maui Hospital, Senator Slom noted the legislature was being forced to negotiate for the unions which is not the legislature's role. Senator Slom added that the entire legislature voted in favor of the original Senate Bill (SB) 2077 that was designed to primarily to aid the Maui Hospital Employees affected by the contract privatization. Governor Ige vetoed the bill and advised that the legislature acted without the proper financial information. The potential cost to the taxpayers could be as high as \$60 million dollars while no money appropriation was included in SB 2077. Senator Slom added that if the law was passed it could threaten the tax exempt status of the Hawaii Employees Retirement System. Senator Slom reported that only Senators Ihara, Kim, Theilen, and Senator Slom voted against the veto override. Senator Slom continued that since the override the Hawaii State Employee Retirement System has filed a lawsuit against the State of Hawaii.
- Public Utilities Commission (PUC): Senator Slom reported that PUC commissioner Gorac who recused himself from the NextEra merger is involved with a lawsuit brought forth by PUC Chair Mina that has questioned his qualifications.
- Special Session: There will be a third special session in early October 2016 to confirm justices to fill vacancies in the district court.
- Affordable Care Act: Senator Slom reported that the Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) is requesting a 43% rate increase for about 20,000 people enrolled in the Affordable Care health plans for 2017. Kaiser Permanente is also requesting rate hikes of 23%.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. PUC: Matson voiced her dismay for former representative Mina as she urged for renewable energy who is now campaigning for NextEra and the public needs notice of this type of animosity.
2. Mark Takai Service: Armentrout asked and Senator Slom responded that the service for Mark Takai will be held Thursday, August 18, 2016, in the Hawaii State Legislature atrium.

House Speaker Emeritus (HSE) Calvin Say – Evelyn Hee from House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say's office welcomed questions: None followed.

Representative Bert Kobayashi – Representative Kobayashi distributed a report and reported the following:

- Homelessness: \$12 million dollars has been appropriated for homelessness and a breakdown of the appropriation is provided in the newsletter. Most of the funds will be used for rapid rehousing through rent subsidies, personal deposits, and the housing first initiative.

- Fall Prevention: From June 2016 until the end of August 2016 a Senior Fall Awareness Campaign has been launched.
- Hepatitis A: Representative Kobayashi urged the community to get Hepatitis A vaccinations noting the effectiveness of the shots as zero (0) cases have been found among the military population as all members and families received vaccinations. A source is trying to be found by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Hepatitis A: Narita expressed his lack of confidence in the Department of Health (DOH) in addressing this issue and urged the legislature to require food service employees to receive vaccinations. Representative Kobayashi noted that the second group with zero (0) cases of Hepatitis A are children as CDC requires children to receive vaccinations.
2. Homelessness: Viller asked about the oversight of use of funds to address homelessness and Representative Kobayashi responded that there are procedures set to describe the eligibility to qualify for aid and Governor Ige's Coordinator on Homelessness Scott Morishige would be the person to contact to look at qualifications.
3. Homelessness from Mainland: Armentrout asked and Representative Kobayashi responded that there is no barrier of residency in Hawaii to receive social services.

Representative Scott Nishimoto – Michelle Herr from Representative Nishimoto's office circulated a newsletter and reported the following:

- Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA): The DCCA Real Estate Branch has set up a hotline for condominium owners, board members, and public to receive information regarding condominium issues. The Real Estate Branch hotline is 808-586-2644 and is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. To receive updates from the DCCA Real Estate Branch go to <http://cca.hawaii.gov/reb/subscribe/>.
- Hawaii Council of Community Associations (HCCA): HCCA will be hosting an educational event on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at the Hale Koa Hotel, the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will end at 1:30 p.m. For more information visit [HCCA.HCAAO@gmail.com](mailto:HCCA.HCAAO@gmail.com).
- Bon Dance: The Kapahulu Center for Seniors will host their annual Bon Dance on Saturday, August 27, 2016, the event will begin at 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The Bon Dance will be held at the Kapahulu Center. For more information call 586-8515.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Hotline: Matson asked that the DCCA hotline number be included in the minutes. The DCCA Real Estate Branch Hotline is 808-586-2644.

**Hearing no objection, Chair West moved to agenda item "Mayor Kirk Caldwell".**

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative: Walea Constantinau circulated Oahu News and welcomed any questions for Mayor Kirk Caldwell:

- Kaina Street: regarding the illegal parking on Kaina Street District 7 (East Honolulu) officers on all three (3) watches made checks of Kaina Street from Thursday, July 28 to Tuesday, August 2, 2016. On Thursday, July 28, 2016, the owner of a vehicle parked illegally came out upon the approach of the officer. The officer educated the person on the parking law and the owner moved his vehicle. A similar incident occurred on Saturday, July 30, 2016. Another owner of an illegally parked vehicle was educated on the law and he moved his vehicle. On all other checks, the officers did not observe any parking violations. They will continue to monitor the area and take enforcement action when violations are observed. HPD encourages residents to call 911 at the time the parking violations are occurring so that the responding officer will be able to observe the violation and take appropriate action.
- Water Sprinkler: The BWS Communications Office contacted the City DPR to request their assistance in adjusting the watering schedule at Crane Park. DPR will dispatch the appropriate crew to work on the timer for the sprinkler system. A power outage could have affected the timer.
- Crosswalks: Department of Transportation Service (DTS) has finalized two (2) pilot studies; the first was a pedestrian activated overhead flashing light that was located on King Street near the McCully Times Super Market (similar to what the board requested for Kapahulu Avenue at Mokiha Street); and the second was a pedestrian activated in-street (embedded) flashing light on North King Street near the Kapalama Post Office. The results indicate that the in-pavement flashing lights appear to be ineffective and unreliable. As such, the City does not recommend installing more of the in-pavement type lights. In addition, since the time of the study, the Federal Highway Administration has approved the use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing

Beacons (RRFB). This device utilizes a bright amber (yellow) light flashing in an alternating strobe light fashion (similar to police lights). As such, DTS will install RRFBs instead of overhead flashing lights where warranted. If the board has specific crosswalks of concern, please inform DTS of the location and they will investigate if additional measures are warranted.

- Concerns: Villers raised concerns with the overhead flashing lights and suggested the use of LED lights stating that the color change and intensity could help drivers recognize crosswalks. Matson raised concerns regarding overhead flashers as it would distract drivers from the road. Chair West and Matson requested the study regarding the in-street lights. Villers noted he will get in contact with the Director of DTS to obtain the study. Armentrout noted that the pedestrian flashers at the bottom of Saint Louis Drive aren't working.
- Palolo Stream Overgrowth: Grassing and irrigation work has been completed. A pre-final walk through was conducted on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, and the official start of the maintenance period occurred on Monday, July 18, 2016. Per contract, contractor is required to perform maintenance of the grassing over a 90-day period. The project is scheduled to close out project on or around October 18, 2016.
- Paving Schedule: St. Louis Drive from Waialae Avenue will be resurfaced as part of the Rehabilitation of Localized Streets, Phase 14B project. The project is currently in the construction contract award process. Construction will start after execution of the construction contract and the contractor obtaining the necessary permits.
- Ala Wai Golf Course Driving Range Update: Constantinau noted that the response regarding the update regarding Ala Wai Golf Course driving range was incorrect and will update the board when a response is made available.
- Roosters Kapiolani Park: The second phase of the City's feral chicken program occurred from Monday, February 1, 2016 to Thursday, June 30, 2016. The Contractor, Sandwich Isle Termite & Pest Control, caught 807 chickens from City-owned properties. In the Kapiolani Park, Waikiki Shell, and Nursery areas the contractor caught 80 chickens and 21 eggs. CSD is still determining the effectiveness of the program and whether it will continue something in the future. CSD will keep the Board updated if any new program begins.
  - Roosters: Matson noted that catching the chickens and collecting eggs is not the issue and it is needed to collect the roosters. Constantinau asked and Matson responded that the roosters are in the Waikiki Shell area.
- No Parking Sign Leahi Avenue: DTS confirmed that the area of concern on Leahi Street is private and not under the purview of the City. On roadways such as these, the current policy is to only maintain existing traffic controls and not to alter any existing traffic control measures. St. Denis stated that the sign is on lifeguard property and Constantinau stated that the road is private property.
- Illegal Parking Leahi Avenue: DTS has completed their investigation, which included a site inspection. The area of illegal parking on Leahi Avenue is occurring on the unimproved sidewalk area, which is enforceable by the HPD under the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), Section 15-14.1 (a) (1) "No person shall park a vehicle on a sidewalk"; and signs are not required. In addition, Section 15-14.2 of the ROH states that "No person shall park a vehicle in such a manner that any portion of such vehicle obstructs a sidewalk or a portion thereof." As such, additional parking restrictions will not be installed at this time. However, DTS will be asking the HPD for assistance in monitoring the illegal parking on Leahi Avenue between Pualei Circle and Holei Street. Requests for sidewalks should be referred to DDC.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Sea Wall: Chair West requested jurisdictional information on the makai side of Diamond Head Road from the lighthouse to the Amelia Earhart memorial stone (last lookout heading Koko Head direction) and expressed the need for more signage.
2. Illegal Dumping: Villers had a complaint over illegal dumping on 3117 Pali Uli Street. The dumping is on another's property, so information is requested regarding illegal dumping on private property. Constantinau suggested using the City and County of Honolulu 3-1-1 app that utilizes a reporting feature and noted she will pass on the concern to receive more information.
3. Fire Hazard: Matson requested information on dumping on one's own property, Matson reported a resident has cut trees and left greenery on property producing a potential fire hazard.
4. Winam Avenue and Mooheau Avenue: Matson suggested the no parking sign be moved at the corner of Winam Avenue and Mooheau Avenue. The two (2) lane road becomes one (1) lane as cars park alongside the road. Constantinau noted she will follow up on the concern.

## REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Ala Way Dredging and Improvements Project: Chair West attended the public information and environmental impact statement (EIS) prep notice scoping meeting on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at Ala Wai elementary School Cafeteria. Chair West stated that this project is maintenance dredging and wall repair that was last done in 2002. This project has \$13 million dollars appropriated and targeted to start in mind 2018. The dredging will take place from the Hawaii State Library to Ala Moana Boulevard Bridge and will include the Manoa/Palolo drainage up to Date Street. The Makai steps and wall will require coordination with the historic preservation office. If water testing allows the dredged contents will be placed in the ocean and if not, a quarantined land area will be designated. There has been no interface with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) flood control project. A report on the USACE flood control project is due by Wednesday, August 24, 2016 and is expected to cost \$175 million dollars which will be split as \$113 million coming from federal funds and \$61 million that will be split between the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

## BOARD BUSINESS

Election of Board Vice-Chair: Chair West opened nomination for Vice-Chair. Matson nominated Villers. St. Denis nominated Wong. Discussion followed:

- Wong expressed her desire to continue as vice-chair and noted her previous experience holding officer positions on the board. She noted her passage of resolutions, her ability to testify on behalf of, and represent the board appropriately. Wong added that she will stand by the board's decision.
- Villers noted the purpose of vice-chair is the need to be able to work with chair, run a meeting, and ensure order and decorum is preserved during a meeting. Villers added if the board wishes to change vice-chair he will accept the role.

**Peralto conducted a roll call vote. The vote resulted in a split, 6-6-1 (Wong: Allen, Miller, Nahoopii, St. Denis, Wanager, Wong; Villers: Armentrout, Matson, Narita, Persons, Villers, and West; Abstain: Peralto).** Chair West asked if anyone would change their vote and no members responded. Matson urged the need for a change in vice-chair as order and decorum is needed.

Approval of July 14, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – The July 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes were approved as amended. 13-0-0 (**Aye:** Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Wanager, West, Villers, and Wong. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None). Amendments Included:

- Armentrout noted that St. Louis Drive should be Bertram Street under Mayor's Representative and the address regarding the tree trimming should be 1750 and not 1715 on page 3.
- Page 4, under Roosters: Should be "...her concern over the continued presence of roosters in Kapiolani Park." Not "presents".
- Page 5, under Kaniwai Stream and Pond: Should be "Matson requested an update on the release of funds for the Kaniwai Stream and historic Fishpond"
- Page 6, under Xterra: Should be "NextEra", not "Xterra".
- Page 6, under questions, comments and concerns following Senator Ihara's report: "Kapiolani Park Trust: Wong asked and Senator Ihara Jr. noted that he did not mention the Kapiolani Park Trust." should be deleted.

Letter to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Regarding Signage: Chair West noted that he wanted Wong to sign the letter as she spearheaded the project. Chair West added that the Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) stated that it is acceptable for the chair to delegate the signing of a resolution to the vice-chair but as there is no vice-chair at this time Chair West has deferred the signing of the letter to a later time.

Political Activity of Members and at Neighborhood Board Meetings, Executive Letter: Chair West circulated a letter from the Shawn Hamamoto Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office regarding political activity of members and at neighborhood board meetings.

## REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Villers read the financial statement of expenditures of July 2016 which totaled \$39.99 and reported the remaining balance of \$429.71. Peralto noted the need for a new board banner as the current banner needs to be updated.

Subdistrict One (1) (St. Louis Heights): Allen noted the next meeting of the Saint Louis Heights Community Association will be held Monday, September 12, 2016. The meeting will be held at Hokulani Elementary School.

Subdistrict Three (3) (Diamond Head): St. Denis reported that a letter was received regarding the Waikiki War Memorial Consultation Meeting that noted the necessity for more time to address preservation concerns. St. Denis added more work has been done on the sea wall but the top section of the sea wall still needs repair. Chair West noted that St. Denis, Wong, and Miller will be responsible for reporting on the Waikiki War Memorial Consultation Meetings. Matson noted the meetings have been delayed until October 2016.

CHAIR'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Pohl: Chair West reported that he has received communication from board member Pohl that she is off island for a family emergency and will not return until October 2016. Chair West added that Pohl wishes to remain on the board.
- Charter Commission: Matson requested a presentation on the Charter Commission amendments. Chair West responded that there has been extensive public information sessions on the charter amendments and a presentation before the board would produce a lengthy meeting. Chair West did add if the board wishes a presentation could be requested. Armentrout noted that the charter commission website explains all charter commission amendments in detail. Matson added that there is not a need for a presentation on all amendments but just those of concern. Villers suggested the board do research on the proposed amendments and if there is further information needed a presentation could be requested. Armentrout noted that the Charter Commission websites does have a digest of each amendment. Chair West urged the board to forward specific concerns regarding amendments and the board may have a discussion regarding the request of a presentation.
- Primary: Narita noted that the primary election will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2016. Narita urged the community to vote. Chair West added that the Office of Election is looking for volunteers to aid polling stations.
- Meeting Decorum: Chair West noted the need for decorum during neighborhood board meetings. Chair West noted the acceptance of correspondence from the community and officials alike that outlined the boards lack of decorum during meetings which has resulted in an absence of desire to appear before the board by community members and public officials. Chair West added that he will act more quickly and more often on actions that show a lack of decorum during meetings. Resident Kealoha noted that she is currently serving on a neighborhood board and this meeting was her first time attending the No. Five (5) Diamond Head Neighborhood Board. She stated her surprise of lack of order and decorum by the board. Chair West asked and Kealoha responded that she is on the Liliha No. Four (4) Neighborhood Board. Chair West urged the board for the need to change the reputation of the No. Five (5) Diamond Head Neighborhood Board and improve meeting decorum. Matson noted she has received communication from community members that have notified her of their lack of desire to attend the board meetings as conduct such as officers going into the audience to confront community members has been displayed.
- Storm Drains. A resident voiced his concerns regarding storm drains malfunctioning in the Kapahulu Avenue area near Palani Avenue. Chair West urged the resident to contact the Department of Facility (DFM) Management as soon as possible so they may address the issue.

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business before the Board, Chair West adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by: James Skizewski, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant

Further Reviewed by: Keolu Peralto, Board Secretary

Finalized by: George West, Chair